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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on the bottom of page 6 and continuing through the top of page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

While the retractor mechanism carried by retractor 26 and connected to the retractable web 64 may be any known retractor mechanism, one example among many examples of a retractor suitable for use with retractable coupling assembly 30, 130 is described in U.S. Patent No. 5,380,066, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. Such an illustrative ~~[[retractor 64]]~~ retractor 26 is an automatic locking retractor (ALR) 1.5 Cable-Actuated Retractor available from Indiana Mills & Manufacturing, Inc. under part number A30952. The retractor may be a single or a double automatic retractor system. Additional representative examples of suitable retractors are disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,911,377; 5,497,956; 5,511,856; 5,560,565; and 5,779,319 the disclosures of which are all incorporated herein by reference. In any case, it may be desirable for the retractor 26 to be a positive locking retractor operable normally to restrict movement of the retractable web 64 relative to retractor 26 and to allow free movement of the retractable web 64 relative to the retractor 26 when a release is actuated as will be described. Moreover, the retractor 26 illustratively is operable to tend to urge or wind the extension member 64 inwardly into the retractor.

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